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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. RICE of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Relief Trans-  
3 parency Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. HUD REPORT.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Hous-  
7 ing and Urban Development, after consultation with the  
8 Comptroller General of the United States, shall submit to  
9 the Financial Services, Oversight and Reform, and Trans-  
10 portation and Infrastructure Committees of the House of  
11 Representatives and Banking Committee of the Senate a  
12 report that—

13           (1) describes and explains the methodology used  
14 by the Department of Housing and Urban Develop-  
15 ment to allocate, to States, Tribes, Territories, and  
16 local governments, amounts appropriated in covered  
17 provisions for the Community Development Block  
18 Grant Disaster Recovery Program and the Commu-  
19 nity Development Block Grant Mitigation Program;

20           (2) addresses why the such methodology may  
21 result in allocations to States, Tribes, Territories,  
22 and local governments differing between appropria-  
23 tions; and

24           (3) provides legislative and administrative rec-  
25 ommendations for improving the consistency and  
26 timeliness of the allocation of amounts appropriated

1 for the Community Development Block Grant Dis-  
2 aster Recovery Program and the Community Devel-  
3 opment Block Grant Mitigation Program.

4 (b) COVERED PROVISION.—The term “covered provi-  
5 sion” means—

6 (1) Public Law 116–20;

7 (2) the Weather Research and Forecasting In-  
8 novation Act of 2017;

9 (3) the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018;

10 (4) the Additional Supplemental Appropriations  
11 for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017;

12 (5) the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018  
13 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief  
14 Requirements Act, 2017;

15 (6) the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017;

16 (7) the Further Continuing and Security Assist-  
17 ance Appropriations Act, 2017;

18 (8) the Continuing Appropriations and Military  
19 Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agen-  
20 cies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response  
21 and Preparedness Act; and

22 (9) the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016.

23 **SEC. 3. FEMA REPORT.**

24 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
25 of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency

1 Management Agency shall submit to the Committee on  
2 Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on  
3 Homeland Security and Government Affairs of the Senate  
4 a report describing, for each fiscal year beginning after  
5 September 30, 2015—

6 (1) the average amount of individual assistance  
7 and individual and household assistance provided  
8 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
9 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)  
10 to, and the rate of denial of individual assistance  
11 and individual and household assistance provided  
12 under such Act for—

13 (A) all individuals;

14 (B) all individuals and households;

15 (C) individuals with an annual income  
16 under 75 percent of the National Median  
17 Household Income;

18 (D) individuals and households with an an-  
19 nual income under 75 percent of the National  
20 Median Household Income;

21 (E) individuals with an annual income over  
22 125 percent of the National Median Household  
23 Income;

1 (F) individuals and households with an an-  
2 nual income over 125 percent of the National  
3 Median Household Income;

4 (G) individuals with an annual income be-  
5 tween 75 percent and 125 percent of the Na-  
6 tional Median Household Income; and

7 (H) individuals and households with an an-  
8 nual income between 75 percent and 125 per-  
9 cent of the National Median Household Income;  
10 and

11 (2) an explanation for any factors causing an  
12 increase in the rate of denial of individual assistance  
13 or individual and household assistance, if applicable.